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1. GENERAL WOLFGANG ALTENBURG, HEAD OF THE DEFENSE MINIS-
TRY'S OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS, TOLD US ON
JUNE 19 THAT THE GERMAN COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE PRE-
LIMINARY R & D FUNDS FOR AWACS, CONTAINED IN AMBASSADOR
PAULS' JUNE 13 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT, WAS AS FIRM
A COMMITMENT AS COULD POSSIBLY BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME.
ALTENBURG BELIEVED IT WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE

FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, BUT NOT UNTIL THEIR AL-
LOCATION HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE BUNDESTAG
SOMETIME IN THE FINAL QUARTER OF THIS YEAR. HE SAID
THERE WAS NO WAY TO MAKE THE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE IN-
TERIM FROM ANY OTHER BUDGETARY ALLOCATION.

2. WHEN WE ASKED WHY THE FRG COULD NOT USE THE SAME
PROCEDURE AS THAT USED LAST YEAR, WHEN NO SPECIFIC
BUNDESTAG COMMITMENT WAS NEEDED IN ADVANCE, ALTENBURG
SAID THAT THE BUNDESTAG HAD SPECIFICALLY INDICATED THAT
IT DID NOT WANT THAT PROCEDURE REPEATED.
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